



Staff Report

TO: City Council

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DATE: November 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance for Truck Restrictions and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Description: Adding Chapter 10.52 (Truck Prohibitions) to the Beaumont Municipal Code. The proposed ordinance would prohibit trucks over seven (7) tons gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) from operating on specified City streets, with exceptions for local deliveries, public safety, and essential services.

Background and Analysis:

On December 1, 2020, the City Council adopted the 2040 General Plan, which established a framework for identifying a truck priority network to support industrial and commercial growth while minimizing impacts to residential areas and sensitive receptors. The General Plan recommended that the City formalize truck routes following an analysis of truck access needs.

On May 21, 2024, the City Council received a presentation outlining the framework for the Truck Route Analysis. Subsequently, on August 20, 2024, the City Council received the completed Truck Route Study and adopted the official Truck Route Map. As part of that direction, Council requested that staff evaluate prohibiting heavy truck traffic along certain corridors, including Downtown Beaumont, 6th Street, and residential areas experiencing high truck activity.

On October 7, 2025, staff returned to the City Council to present the proposed Truck Prohibition Ordinance. At that meeting, Council approved staff's recommendation to move forward to a Public Hearing for the introduction and consideration of the first reading of the ordinance.

The proposed ordinance, prepared in consultation with the City Attorney and consistent with California Vehicle Code Section 35701, establishes the following:

Truck Restrictions

- Prohibits trucks over seven (7) tons GVWR on designated streets listed in Exhibit A of the ordinance.
- Authorizes local deliveries and access for public utilities, emergency vehicles, solid waste haulers, postal services, and municipal operations.
- Requires compliant signage at all designated locations before enforcement.

Purpose and Benefits

The ordinance aims to:

- Enhance safety and mobility within residential and mixed-use areas.
- Reduce road degradation caused by heavy trucks.
- Align enforcement with the City's PLUS Land Use Policies and Assembly Bill 98 regarding sensitive receptor protection.
- Support local economic development by ensuring truck traffic remains on designated arterial corridors.

Enforcement

The Beaumont Police Department Commercial Enforcement Unit, established in July 2024, will be responsible for enforcement. The unit has issued approximately 6,864 citations since inception, generating approximately \$343,200 in fines.

This ordinance complements ongoing enforcement efforts by establishing a clear legal framework for restricting heavy truck activity and enabling officers to issue \$500 administrative citations for both unauthorized truck parking and operation on non-designated routes.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost of preparing this staff report and ordinance materials is approximately \$350.

Future costs will include signage installation and public notice, which will be paid from the Public Works Operational budget. Citation revenues may increase in the short term and are expected to level off as compliance improves.

Recommended Action:

Hold a public hearing;

Waive the first full reading and approval by title only; "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California Adding A New Chapter 10.52 to the Beaumont Municipal Code Containing Truck Restrictions To Designated Streets Within City Limits Consistent With California Vehicle Code Section 35701"; and

Adopt a resolution by title only, "A Resolution Of The City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, Establishing A \$500 Administrative Citation Fine for Unauthorized Commercial Truck Parking And Operation On Non-Designated Truck Routes".

Attachments:

- A. Draft Ordinance
- B. Resolution